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Fwd: Abortion Reporting Bill

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Conversation with a legislator about the abortion reporting bill that was passed in 2019\

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From: **Alexia Harrist** <alexia.harrist1@wyo.gov>
Date: Fri, Jan 4, 2019 at 2:55 PM
Subject: Re: Abortion Reporting Bill
To: Representative - Clem, Scott <Scott.Clem@wyoleg.gov>

Dear Representative Clem,

Thank you for calling me about this draft legislation and for sending it to us to review.

We do already send reports of abortion we receive to the CDC, so this will not be a change, though we receive few reports now.

In the fiscal note we've prepared, we state that this legislation will likely require some funding to develop and maintain a system for electronic abortion reporting (since we do not currently have one), and an additional FTE to monitor compliance with reporting.

An additional point is that the abortion reports we receive, and thus the annual report we put out, will only reflect abortions that occur in Wyoming. The report will not include abortions among Wyoming residents that occur in other states, since out-of-state physicians would not be required to report those to us.

We don't have any suggested changes to the legislation at this time. We expect the fiscal note will be finalized soon.

Thanks again for discussing this with us, and I look forward to seeing you during the session. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

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On Wed, Jan 2, 2019 at 3:56 PM Representative - Clem, Scott <Scott.Clem@wyoleg.gov> wrote:

Dr. Harrist,

Thanks for the phone conversation today. Attached is the bill, though not in a formal bill draft. Feel free to forward this onto guy. I am open to any suggested changes you all might have. In summary the bill:

- clarifies what needs to be reported
- allows for electronic reporting
- seeks to strengthen patient privacy and makes individual reporting forms not subject to the public records act
- levies fines for not reporting
- after 6 months of not reporting, gives the office of vital statistics authority to bring an action against a physician to the Wyoming Board of Medicine
- Board of medicine may pursue additional action, or reduce/eliminate fines upon petition of a physician
- Requires an annual public report with collective data that is to be shared with the CDC

Thanks again and Happy New Year!

Representative Scott Clem

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